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## Former LAPD Officer Charged with Workers' Compensation Fraud

A former Los Angeles Police Department officer has been charged with illegally collecting workers' compensation insurance benefits before resigning in 2016, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Michael Simon (dob 12/6/79) is charged in case BA481662 with two felony counts of workers' compensation insurance fraud and one felony count of grand theft of more than \$950.

Arraignment has not yet been scheduled.

In 2015, Simon is accused of engaging in activities inconsistent with his claimed injuries while he was off work on disability. In 2016, he allegedly falsely represented the nature of his injuries to his employer in order to collect additional financial assistance to which he was not entitled, according to Deputy District Attorney Arunas Sodonis of the Healthcare Fraud Division.

The case was filed for warrant on Oct. 8 and the defendant was arrested yesterday.

Simon faces a possible maximum sentence of six years and eight months in state prison to be served in county jail if convicted as charged.

The prosecutor is requesting that bail be set at \$40,000.

The case remains under investigation by the LAPD's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.